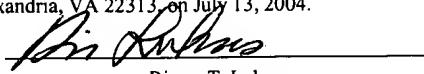




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THEREWITH

Examiner: Patrick T. LEWIS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action dated January 15, 2004. A petition for extension of time is submitted herewith. A Reply to the Final Office Action was mailed within two months of the final rejection. Therefore, a two-month extension fee is submitted herewith to extend the period of reply from the mail date of the Advisory Action (May 27, 2004) to July 15, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith. Entry of the Reply to the Final Office Action is also respectfully requested.

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